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July 23, 2019

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Merrimack County Telephone Company - Notice of Network Change

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 51.325 – 51.335 of the Commission's rules, Merrimack County Telephone Company ("MCT") hereby submits the attached: Certification of Public Notice of Network Change under rule 51.329(a); Public Notice of Copper Retirement under rule 51.333; and Certification of Public Notice of Copper Retirement under rule 51.333. Specifically, MCT is providing notification of the replacement of copper distribution and loop facilities with fiber-to-the-home facilities in certain digital service areas (DSA) located in Webster NH. Upon completion, MCT will provide services through its fiber optic network.

All of the customers served by copper at these locations purchase "plain old telephone service" (POTS). Following transition to fiber, MCT will continue to offer these customers the same POTS service over fiber at the same or better price as they received on copper facilities. There will be no change in the underlying features and functionalities in their service: this is not a transition to IP-based service, and MCT will offer these customers the same regulated service they have today.

Please contact me should you need any further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pam Trickel", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Pam Trickel
Sr. Administrator -Regulatory Compliance

Attachments

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC NOTICE OF NETWORK CHANGE UNDER RULE 51.329(a)

On July 15, 2019 the following Public Notice of Network Change has been made by Merrimack County Telephone Company pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§ 51.325 – 51.335.

The Public Notice may also be viewed on TDS' website at:

<https://tdstelecom.com/carrierservices/public-notices/2019.html>

Title of Network Notification:

TDS Public Notice 2019-40 Merrimack County Telephone (Winnepocket) – Copper Retirement

Pam Trickel
Sr. Administrator Regulatory Compliance
TDS Telecommunications LLC
525 Junction Rd
Madison, WI 53717
608-664-7872

Date: July 15, 2019

PUBLIC NOTICE OF COPPER RETIREMENT UNDER RULE 51.333
Copper Retirement ID - TDS Public Notice 2019-40 Merrimack County Telephone (Winnepocket)

July 15, 2019

Carrier: Merrimack County Telephone Company, 11 Kearsarge Ave, Contoocook, NH 03229

Contact: For additional information on these planned network changes, please contact:

Jennifer Heise
Regulatory Compliance Manager
TDS Telecommunications Corporation
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608-664-4148

Implementation Date: On or after November 11, 2019

Planned Network Change(s) Will Occur at the Following DSAs:

DSA CLLI	DSA address
WRNRNH43	558 White Plains Rd., Webster, NH 03303

Locations Retirement of copper network facilities in the area listed in Exhibit A

Description of the Planned Network Change(s):

Merrimack County Telephone Company intends to retire a number of copper facilities in the DSA locations listed on the attached Exhibits to provide services over a fiber network infrastructure. Merrimack County Telephone Company has deployed its fiber-to-the-home network in the areas identified in Exhibits A.

Description of Reasonably Foreseeable Impact(s) of the Planned Change(s):

After the retirement of the copper facilities, Merrimack County Telephone Company will: (1) no longer offer services over copper facilities; and (2) cease maintaining the copper facilities. These retirements will have no impact on the services provided to the retail customers served by the copper facilities that will be retired. Further, there will be no changes to rates, terms and conditions.

Exhibit A

Copper Retirement ID - TDS Public Notice 2019-40 Merrimack County Telephone (Winnepocket)

The copper facilities associated with the following addresses served by

Merrimack County Telephone Company's DSA located at 558 White Plains Rd., Webster, NH 03303

CLLI – WRNRNH43

Community	Street	Building Number
Webster	Lake Rd.	51, 63, 101, 139, 157
Webster	Rolfe Rd.	30, 36, 45, 60
Webster	White Plains Rd.	526, 532, 556
Webster	Pond Hill Rd.	266
Webster	Westwind Village Rd.	126

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC NOTICE OF COPPER RETIREMENT UNDER RULE 51.333

I, Linda Robinson, do hereby certify that on July 15, 2019 (a minimum of five business days prior to filing with the Commission), I caused Merrimack County Telephone Company's Public Notice of Copper Retirement Under Rule 51.333 to be served upon each telephone exchange service provider that directly interconnects with Merrimack County Telephone Company's network in the applicable area(s). Attached in Exhibit B are the names and addresses of those providers who were served.

The Public Notice may also be viewed on TDS' website at:

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TDS Public Notice 2019-40 Merrimack County Telephone (Winnepocket) – Copper Retirement

Linda N. Robinson
Manager - Regulatory Compliance & Carrier Relations
TDS Telecommunications Corporation
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865-671-4758

Date: July 15, 2019

Exhibit B

Copper Retirement ID - TDS Public Notice 2019-40 Merrimack County Telephone (Winnepocket)

Consolidated Communications (formerly FairPoint), 5 Davis Farm Road, Portland ME 04103